

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Strategies to Make Summer School 2006
Cost Neutral

ITEM NO: 10U

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ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:

That the Stafford County School Board receives information on strategies that have been enacted to ensure that the summer school programs are self-supporting and cost neutral for the Stafford County Public Schools.

KEY POINTS:

In order to ensure fiscal efficiency for the 2006 summer school programs, the following strategies will be employed:

1. The high school program will experience an increase in tuition fees for the repeat courses that are offered and the new courses. (This proposed increase is addressed in another agenda item.)
2. The high school courses will be required to have an enrollment of 15 students; otherwise, the course will not be offered. Upon review and approval of the Executive Director of Curriculum Services, some exceptions might be made if the overall high school summer school program is financially viable.
3. The middle school Algebra Bridge program will include a tuition fee for the first time. (This proposed increase is addressed in another agenda item.)
4. Instead of starting middle school summer school for the students on July 5 as noted in the agenda item previously approved by the Board, it will start on July 10; therefore, all K-5 and 6-8 programs will start on July 10 and end on August 3.
5. The K-8 programs were directed to reduce their original summer school budgets by 20 percent. In most cases, the impact will be fewer teachers serving fewer students.
6. The ESL program will be reduced by three days compared to previous summer programs.

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:

Goal 1: Provide educational excellence through instruction that establishes high expectations for all students yet recognizes the unique needs of each learner.

Goal 8: Provide School Board leadership in advocating for adequate funding in support of Stafford County Public Schools.

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AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: